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ex-po-si-tion (eks'pə zish'ən) *n.* [ME *exposicioun* < OFr *exposition* < L *expositio* < *expositus*, pp. of *exponere*: see EXPOUND] 1 a setting forth of facts, ideas, etc.; detailed explanation 2 writing or speaking that sets forth or explains 3 [< Fr] an exhibition; esp., a large public exhibition or show, often international in scope 4 that part of a play, etc. which reveals what has happened before, who the characters are, etc. 5 the first section of certain musical forms, which introduces the main theme or themes, as in a sonata, or all the voices, as in a fugue —**ex-po-si-tional** *adj.*

ex-posi-tor (ek spəz'et ə, ik-) *n.* [ME *expositour* < OFr *expositeur* < L *expositor* < *expositus*: see prec.] a person who expounds or explains

ex-posi-tory (ek spəz'ə tōr'ē, ik-) *adj.* [ML *expositorius*] of, like, or containing exposition; explanatory: also **ex-pos'i-tive** (-ə tiv)

ex post facto (eks' pōst fak'tō) [L, from (the thing) done afterward] done or made afterward, esp. when having retroactive effect [an *ex post facto* law]

ex-pos-tu-late (ek spās'chə lāt', ik-) *vi.* -lat'ed, -lat'-ing [< L *expostulatus*, pp. of *expostulare*, to demand vehemently, require < *ex-*, intens. + *postulare*: see POSTULATE] to reason with a person earnestly, objecting to that person's actions or intentions; remonstrate (with) —**SYN.** OBJECT —**ex-pos-tu-la-tion** *n.* —**ex-pos-tu-la-tor** *n.* —**ex-pos-tu-la-to-ry** (-lə tōr'ē) *adj.*

ex-po-sure (ek spō'zhər, ik-) *n.* [EXPOS(E) + -URE] 1 an exposing or being exposed; specif., a being exposed to harsh weather conditions without protection 2 a location, as of a house, in relation to the sun, winds, etc. [an eastern *exposure*] 3 appearance, esp. frequent appearance, before the public, as in the theater, on radio and TV, etc. 4 *Photog.* a) the subjection of a sensitized film or plate to the action of light rays, X-rays, etc. b) a sensitized surface or section of a film for making one picture c) the time during which such a surface or film is exposed

exposure meter *Photog.* an instrument that measures the intensity of light striking, or reflecting from, the subject, used to find the correct exposure settings; light meter

ex-pound (ek spound', ik-) *vt.* [ME *expounden* < OFr *expondre* < L *exponere*, to put forth, expound < *ex-*, out + *ponere*, to put: see POSITION] 1 to set forth point by point; state in detail 2 to explain or interpret; clarify —*vi.* to comment (on); make a statement —**SYN.** EXPLAIN —**ex-pound'er** *n.*

ex-press (ek spres', ik-) *vt.* [ME *expressen* < ML *expressare* < L *expressus*, pp. of *exprimere*, to express, lit., force out < *ex-*, out + *primere*: see PRESS] 1 to press out or squeeze out (juice, etc.) 2 to get by pressure; elicit by force; extort 3 to put into words; represent by language; state 4 a) to make known; reveal; show [his face *expressed* sorrow] b) to show (a genetic trait) 5 to picture, represent, or symbolize in music, art, etc. 6 to show by sign; symbolize; signify [the sign + *expresses* addition] *7 to send by express —*adj.* [ME & OFr *express* < L *expressus*] 1 a) expressed and not implied; explicit [to give *express* orders] b) specific [his *express* reason for going] 2 exact [she is the *express* image of her aunt] 3 made for or suited to a special purpose [express regulations] 4 [orig., for the *express* purpose of running to one station] fast, direct, and making few stops [an *express* train] 5 characterized by speed or velocity; specif., a) for fast driving [an *express* highway] b) high-speed [an *express* bullet] c) for high-speed projectiles [an *express* rifle] d) having to do with railway express, pony express, etc. —*adv.* by express —*n.* 1 [Chiefly Brit.] a) a special messenger; courier b) a message delivered by such a messenger; dispatch sent swiftly 2 a) an express train, bus, elevator, etc. b) an express rifle 3 the pony express *4 a) a method or service for transporting goods or sending money or mail rapidly, but at extra cost b) the goods transported or money sent by express c) a business concern operating such a service 5 any method or means of swift transmission —**SYN.** EXPLICIT, UTTER* —**express oneself** 1 to state one's thoughts 2 to give expression to one's feelings, imagination, etc., in creative or artistic activity —**ex-press'er** *n.* —**ex-press-ible** *adj.*

***ex-press-age** (-ij) *n.* 1 the carrying of packages, etc. by express 2 the charge for this

ex-pression (ek spresh'ən, ik-) *n.* [ME *expressioun* < L *expressio* < *expressus*: see EXPRESS] 1 a pressing out or squeezing out, as of juice 2 a putting into words or representing in language 3 a picturing, representing, or symbolizing in art, music, etc. 4 a manner of expressing; esp., a meaningful and eloquent manner of speaking, singing, etc. [to read with *expression*] 5 a particular word, phrase, or sentence [“catch cold” is an idiomatic *expression*] 6 a showing of feeling, character, etc. [laughter as an *expression* of joy] 7 a look, intonation, sign, etc. that conveys meaning or feeling [a quizzical *expression* on the face] 8 a symbol or set of symbols expressing some mathematical fact, as a quantity or operation 9 a showing by a symbol, sign, figures, etc. 10 *Genetics* the manifestation of a trait caused by a particular gene

ex-pres-sion-ism (-iz'əm) *n.* [often E-] an early 20th-cent. movement in art, literature, and drama, characterized by distortion of reality and the use of symbols, stylization, etc. to give objective expression to inner experience —**ex-pres-sion-ist** *adj.*, *n.* —**ex-pres-sion-is-tic** *adj.* —**ex-pres-sion-is-ti-cally** *adv.*

ex-pres-sion-less (-lis) *adj.* lacking expression; blank and impassive —**ex-pres-sion-lessly** *adv.*

ex-pres-sive (ek spres'iv, ik-) *adj.* [ME < ML *expressivus*] 1 of or characterized by expression 2 that expresses or shows; indicative (of) [a song *expressive* of joy] 3 full of meaning or feeling [an *expressive* nod] —**ex-pres-sively** *adv.* —**ex-pres-sive-ness** *n.*

ex-pres-siv-ity (eks'pres siv'ə tē) *n.* 1 the quality of being expres-

sive 2 *Genetics* the relative degree to which a trait caused by a gene is manifested in an individual

ex-press-ly (ek spres'lē, ik-) *adv.* 1 in a plain and definite way; explicitly 2 for the specific purpose; particularly

***express-man** (ek spres'mən, ik-) *n.*, *pl.* -men (-mən) a person employed by an express company; esp., a driver of an express truck, who collects and delivers packages

ex-presso (ek spres'ō) *n.* ESPRESSO

express rifle a hunting rifle using a large charge and a light bullet of large caliber, discharged with a high initial velocity; used to kill large game at short range

***express-way** (ek spres'wā, ik-) *n.* [EXPRESS + (HIGH)WAY] a divided highway for through traffic, with full or partial control of access and generally with overpasses or underpasses at intersections

ex-pro-pri-ate (eks prō'pre āt') *vt.* -at'ed, -at'-ing [< ML *expropriatus*, pp. of *expropriare*, to deprive of one's own < L *ex-*, out + *proprius*, one's own] 1 to take (land, property, etc.) from its owner; esp., to take for public use or in the public interest, as by right of eminent domain 2 to transfer (property) from another to oneself 3 to deprive of ownership; dispossess —**ex-pro-pria-tion** *n.* —**ex-pro-pria-tor** *n.*

ex-pul-sion (ek spul'shən, ik-) *n.* [ME *expulsioun* < OFr *expulsion* < L *expulsiō* < *expulsus*, pp. of *expellere*] an expelling, or forcing out, or the condition of being expelled —**ex-pul-sive** (-siv) *adj.*

ex-punc-tion (ek spunk'shən, ik-) *n.* [LL *expunctio* < L *expunctus*] an expunging or being expunged

ex-punge (ek spunj', ik-) *vt.* -punged', -pung'-ing [L *expungere* (pp. *expunctus*), to mark (with points) for omission, erase < *ex-*, out + *pungere*, to prick: see POINT] to erase or remove completely; blot out or strike out; delete; cancel —**SYN.** ERASE

ex-pur-gate (eks'pər gāt') *vt.* -gated, -gat'-ing [< L *expurgatus*, pp. of *expurgare*, to purge, cleanse < *ex-*, out + *pur-gare*, PURGE] 1 to remove passages considered obscene or otherwise objectionable from (a book, etc.) 2 to expunge (objectionable material) from; delete —**ex-pur-ga-tion** *n.* —**ex-pur-ga-tor** *n.* —**ex-pur-ga-tory** (-gə tōr'ē) *adj.*

ex-qui-site (eks'kwiz it, ek skwiz'it) *adj.* [ME, carefully sought out < L *exquisitus*, pp. of *exquirere*, to search out < *ex-*, out + *querere*, to ask] 1 carefully done or elaborately made [an *exquisite* design] 2 very beautiful or lovely, esp. in a delicate or carefully wrought way [exquisite lace] 3 of highest quality; consummate [exquisite technique] 4 highly sensitive; keenly discriminating; fastidious [an *exquisite* ear for music] 5 sharply intense; keen [exquisite pain] —*n.* a person who makes a great show of being refined and fastidious in matters of taste, etc. —**SYN.** DELICATE —**ex-qui-sitely** *adv.* —**ex-qui-site-ness** *n.*

EXR *abbrev.* executor

ex-san-guine (eks san'gwin) *adj.* [EX-¹ + L *sanguis* (gen. *sanguinis*), blood] bloodless; anemic

ex-scind (ek sind') *vt.* [L *exscindere* < *ex-*, out + *scindere*, to cut: see SCISSION] to cut out; excise; extirpate

ex-sect (ek sekt') *vt.* [L *exsectus*, pp. of *exsecare* < *ex-*, out + *secare*, to cut: see SAW²] to cut out —**ex-sec-tion** *n.*

ex-sert (ek sɜrt') *vt.* [L *exsertus*, pp. of *exserere*, to stretch out: see EXERT] to thrust out; protrude; project —*adj.* EXERTED —**ex-ser-tile** (-sɜrt'l) *adj.* —**ex-ser-tion** *n.*

ex-serted (-id) *adj.* projecting, as from a sheath or pod

ex-sic-cate (ek'si kāt') *vt.* -cat'ed, -cat'-ing [ME *exsiccaten* < L *exsiccatu*, pp. of *exsiccare*, to make dry < *ex-*, out + *siccare*, to dry < *siccus*, dry: see DESICcate] to dry up —**ex-sic-ca-tion** *n.*

ex-stip-u-late (ek stip'yoo lit, -lāt') *adj.* Bot. having no stipules

ex-stro-phy (ek'strə fē) *n.* [EX-¹ + Gr *strophē*, a turning: see STROPHE] Med. the turning inside out of an organ; esp., such a congenital condition of the urinary bladder

EXT *abbrev.* 1 extension 2 exterior 3 external 4 extra 5 extract

ex-tant (eks'tant; ek stant', ik-) *adj.* [L *extans*, *extans*, pp. of *exstare*, to stand out or forth < *ex-*, out + *stare*, STAND] 1 still existing; not extinct; not lost or destroyed 2 [Archaic] standing out; conspicuous

ex-tem-po-ral (ek stem'pə rəl) *adj.* [L *extemporalis*: see EXTEMP-FORE] archaic var. of EXTEMPORANEous

ex-tem-po-ra-neous (eks'tem' pə rā'nē əs, ik stem'-) *adj.* [LL *extemporaneus*: see EXTEMPORE] 1 made, done, or spoken without any preparation; unpremeditated; offhand [an *extemporaneous* speech] 2 spoken with some preparation but not written out or memorized; distinguished from IMPROMPTU 3 speaking or adept at speaking without preparation 4 made for the occasion; improvised —**SYN.** IMPROMPTU —**ex-tem-po-ra-neous-ly** *adv.*

ex-tem-po-rary (ek stem'pə rər'ē, ik-) *adj.* EXTEMPORANEous —**SYN.** IMPROMPTU —**ex-tem-po-rar-i-ly** *adv.* —**ex-tem-po-rar-i-ness** *n.*

ex-tem-pore (ek stem'pə rē, ik-) *adv.*, *adj.* [L, lit., out of the time < *ex-*, from, out of + *tempore*, abl. of *tempus*, time: see TEMPER] without preparation; offhand [a speech given *extempore*] —**SYN.** IMPROMPTU

ex-tem-po-rize (-riz') *vi.*, *vt.* -rized', -riz'-ing 1 to speak, perform, or compose extempore; improvise 2 to furnish or contrive (things) in a makeshift way to meet a pressing need —**ex-tem-po-ri-za-tion** *n.* —**ex-tem-po-ri-zer** *n.*

ex-tend (ek stend', ik-) *vt.* [ME *extended* < L *extendere* < *ex-*, out + *tendere*, to stretch: see THIN] 1 to stretch out or draw out to a certain point, or for a certain distance or time 2 to enlarge in area, scope, influence, meaning, effect, etc.; widen; broaden; expand; spread 3 to stretch or thrust forth; hold out; proffer 4 to present

for acceptance; offer; accord; grant 5 to stretch or straighten out (a flexed limb of the body) 6 a) to make longer in time or space; prolong b) to allow a period of time for the payment of (a loan, mortgage, etc.) beyond that originally set 7 to make (oneself) work or try very hard 8 to give added bulk or body to (a substance) by adding another, usually cheaper or inferior, substance 9 [Obs.] to gain control of by force 10 Commerce to calculate (an amount on an invoice) by multiplying quantity by price —*vi.* 1 to be extended 2 to lie or stretch (the fence extends to the meadow)

SYN.—*extend* and *lengthen* both imply a making longer in space or time, but *extend*, in addition, may signify an enlarging in area, scope, influence, meaning, etc.; *elongate* is a synonym for *lengthen* in the spatial sense and is more commonly used in technical applications; *prolong* and *protract* both primarily imply an extending in time, *prolong* suggesting continuation beyond the usual or expected time, and *protract* a being drawn out needlessly or wearily

ex-tended (-stén'did) *adj.* 1 stretched out; spread out 2 prolonged; continued 3 enlarged in influence, meaning, scope, effect, etc.; extensive 4 Printing designating type with a wider face than is standard for the height

extended care nursing care provided for a limited time after a hospital stay, as in a special facility

extended family a nuclear family together with other relatives living with them or nearby

ex-tender (-dér) *n.* 1 a substance or ingredient added to another to give more bulk or body or to adulterate or dilute it 2 a part added or attached, for lengthening

ex-tend-ible (-dè bəl) *adj.* **EXTENSIBLE:** also *ex-tend'-a-ble* —*ex-tend'-ibil'-ity* (-bil'ə-tē) *n.* or *ex-tend'-abil'-ity*

ex-ten-sible (ek stén'sə bəl, ik-) *adj.* [Fr < ML *extensibilis* < L *extensus*, pp. of *extendere*] that can be extended: also *ex-ten'-sile* (-səl) —*ex-ten'-sibil'-ity* *n.*

ex-tension (-shən) *n.* [ME *extensioun* < L *extensio* < pp. of *extendere*: see **EXTEND**] 1 an extending or being extended 2 the amount or degree to which something is or can be extended; range; extent 3 a part that forms a continuation or addition [an *extension* to a factory] 4 an extra period of time allowed a debtor for making payment 5 a branch of a university for students who cannot attend the university proper 6 an extra telephone connected to the same line as the main telephone 7 a) the straightening of a flexed limb b) traction applied to a fractured or dislocated limb so as to bring it into its normal position 8 Ballet a) the act or an instance of extending either leg at any angle from the body b) the capability of a dancer to so extend a leg, specif. at a difficult angle for a period of time 9 Commerce a) an amount on an invoice calculated by multiplying quantity by price b) the calculation of such an amount 10 Logic the class of all particular objects to which a term refers; denotation: cf. **INTENSION** (sense 4) 11 Physics that property of a body by which it occupies space —*adj.* designating a device that can be extended or that extends something else [extension ladder, extension cord] —*ex-ten'-sional* *adj.*

ex-ten-sity (ek stén'sə-tē, ik-) *n.* 1 the quality of having extension 2 Psychol. that quality of sensation which permits the perception of space or size

ex-ten-sive (ek stén'siv, ik-) *adj.* [ME < L *extensivus* < *extensus*: see **EXTENSIBLE**] 1 having great extent; covering a large area; vast 2 having a wide scope, effect, influence, etc.; far-reaching; comprehensive 3 of or characterized by extension 4 designating or of farming in which large areas of land are used with minimum expense, resulting in a low yield per acre: see **INTENSIVE** (sense 4) —*ex-ten'-sively* *adv.* —*ex-ten'-sive-ness* *n.*

ex-ten-som-eter (eks'tén-sám'ət-ər) *n.* [L *extensus* (see **EXTENSIBLE**) + *-METER*] an instrument for measuring extremely small degrees of expansion, contraction, or deformation, as in a test piece of metal subjected to tension

ex-ten-sor (ek stén'sər, -sör; ik-) *n.* [LL *extensor*, stretcher < L *extensus*: see **EXTENSIBLE**] a muscle that extends or straightens some part of the body, esp. a flexed arm or leg

ex-tent (ek stént', ik-) *n.* [ME *extente* < Anglo-Fr < OFr *estente* < *estendre* < L *extendere*] 1 the space, amount, or degree to which a thing extends; size; length; breadth 2 range or limits of anything; scope; coverage 3 an extended space; vast area [an *extent* of woodland] 4 [Historical] Eng. Law a) a writ directing the seizure of a debtor's property to compel payment of the debt b) a valuation of property, as one made in connection with such a writ

ex-tenu-ate (ek stén'yōō āt', ik-) *vt.* —*at'-ed*, —*at'-ing* [L *extenuatus*, pp. of *extenuare* < *ex-*, out + *tenuare*, to make thin < *tenuis*, THIN] 1 [Archaic] to make thin or lean 2 [Now Rare] to diminish or weaken 3 to lessen or seem to lessen the seriousness of (an offense, guilt, etc.) by giving excuses or serving as an excuse [extenuating circumstances] 4 [Archaic] to understate; underestimate 5 [Obs.] to belittle or disparage —*ex-ten'-u-ator* *n.*

ex-tenu-ation (ek stén'yōō ā'shən, ik-) *n.* [ME *extenuacioun* < L *extenuatio*] 1 an extenuating or being extenuated; esp., mitigation, as of the seriousness of a crime, offense, etc. 2 a thing that extenuates; partial excuse

ex-tenu-atory (ek stén'yōō ā-tōr'ē, ik-) *adj.* extenuating or tending to extenuate: also *ex-ten'-u-a'tive* (-ā'tiv)

ex-teri-or (ek stīr'ē-ər, ik-) *adj.* [L, compar. of *exter*, *exterus*, on the outside: see **EXTERNAL**] 1 a) on the outside; outer; outermost [an exterior wall] b) to be used on the outside [exterior paint] 2 originating outside; acting or coming from without [exterior forces] —*n.* 1 an outside or outside surface 2 an outward appearance [a misleading exterior] 3 a picture, view, stage setting, etc. of a scene outdoors —*ex-te'-ri-ori* *adv.*

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exterior angle 1 any of the four angles formed on the outside of two straight lines when crossed by a transversal: see **ALTERNATE ANGLES**, illus. 2 an angle formed by any side of a polygon and the extension of the adjacent side

ex-teri-or-ity (ek stīr'ē-ər'ə-tē, ik-) *n.* 1 the state or quality of being exterior or exteriorized 2 external aspect

ex-teri-or-ize (ek stīr'ē-ər'iz', ik-) *vt.* —*-ized'*, —*-iz'-ing* 1 to give or attribute an external form or objective character outside the self to (states of mind, attitudes, etc.) 2 **EXTERNALIZE** —*ex-te'-ri-or-iz'-a-tion* *n.*

ex-ter-mi-nate (ek stār'mə nāt', ik-) *vt.* —*-nat'-ed*, —*-nat'-ing* [L *exterminatus*, pp. of *exterminare*, lit., to drive beyond the boundaries, hence drive out, destroy < *ex-*, out + *terminus*, boundary: see **TERM**] to destroy or get rid of entirely, as by killing; wipe out; annihilate —*ex-ter'-mi-na'-tion* *n.*

SYN.—*exterminate* implies the complete, wholesale destruction of things or living beings whose existence is considered undesirable; *extirpate* and *eradicate* both suggest the extinction or abolition of something, *extirpate* implying a deliberate and violent destruction at the very source so that the thing cannot be regenerated, and *eradicate* connoting less violence and, often, the working of natural processes or a methodical plan

ex-ter-mi-na-tor (ek stār'mə nāt-ər, ik-) *n.* [LL[Ec]] a person or thing that exterminates; specif., a) a person whose work or business is exterminating rats, cockroaches, and other vermin b) a powder, liquid, etc. for exterminating vermin

ex-ter-mi-na-tory (-mə nā tōr'ē) *adj.* exterminating or tending to exterminate: also *ex-ter'-mi-na'-tive* (-mə nāt'iv, -mə nāt'iv)

ex-tern (eks'tərn') *n.* [Fr *externe* < L *externus*: see **fol.**] a person connected with, but not living in, an institution, as a nonresident doctor in a hospital: opposed to **INTERNAL**

ex-ter-nal (ek stār'nəl, ik-) *adj.* [ME < L *externus*, outward, external < *exter*, *exterus*, on the outside, compar. form < *ex*, out of (see **EX-**) + *-AL*] 1 on or having to do with the outside; outer; exterior 2 on, or for use on, the outside of the body [a machine for *external* use only] 3 a) outwardly visible b) existing apart from the mind; material [external reality] 4 originating outside; acting or coming from without [an *external* force] 5 a) for outward appearance or show; superficial [external politeness] b) not basic or essential [external factors] 6 having to do with foreign countries and international affairs —*n.* 1 an outside or outward surface or part 2 [pl.] outward appearance or behavior; superficialities —*ex-ter'-nally* *adv.*

external-combustion engine (-kəm bus'chən) an engine, as a steam engine, that obtains its power from heat produced by burning fuel outside the cylinder, turbine, etc.

external degree a college or university degree granted to a nonresident student who has earned credits for work experience, non-academic training, independent study, and the passing of proficiency examinations, but has spent little or no time in formal classroom sessions

external ear the part of the ear outside the tympanic membrane: see **EAR**, illus.

external galaxy any galaxy beyond our own galaxy

ex-ter-nal-ism (ek stār'nəl iz'm, ik-) *n.* 1 **EXTERNALITY** (sense 1) 2 too great a regard for externals

ex-ter-nal-ity (eks'tər nāl'ə-tē) *n.* 1 the quality or state of being external 2 pl. -ties an external thing

ex-ter-nal-ize (ek stār'nəl iz', ik-) *vt.* —*-ized'*, —*-iz'-ing* 1 to make external; embody 2 **EXTERIORIZE** —*ex-ter'-nali-za'-tion* *n.*

external respiration exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide across external or respiratory surfaces, as gills or lungs, in multicellular organisms: cf. **INTERNAL RESPIRATION**

ex-tero-cep-tor (eks'tər ō sep'tər) *n.* [L *exter* (see **EXTERNAL**) + *-O-* + (RE)CEPTOR] a sense organ receiving stimuli from the external environment, as the eye or the heat receptors in the skin —*ex'-tero-cep'-tive* (-tiv) *adj.*

ex-ter-ri-to-ri-al (eks'tər ə tōr'ē əl) *adj.* **EXTRATERRITORIAL**

ex-tinct (ek stīkt', ik-) *adj.* [ME < L *extinctus*, *extinctus*, pp. of *extinguere*: see **EXTINGUISH**] 1 a) having died down or burned out; extinguished [an *extinct* fire] b) no longer active [an *extinct* volcano] 2 no longer in existence or use; specif., having no living descendant [an *extinct* species] 3 that no living person holds or can claim: said of offices, titles, etc. 4 no longer spoken as a native language —**SYN.** **DEAD**

ex-tinc-tion (ek stīkt'shən, ik-) *n.* [ME *extinctioun* < L *extinctio* < *extinctus*: see **prec.**] 1 a putting out or being put out, as of a fire 2 a destroying or being destroyed; annihilation; abolition 3 the fact or state of being or becoming extinct; dying out, as a species of animal 4 Physiol., Psychol. the weakening and disappearance of a conditioned response that is no longer being reinforced

ex-tinc-tive (-tiv) *adj.* [ME *extinctif*: see **EXTINCT**] serving or tending to extinguish

ex-tin-guish (ek stīn'gwish, ik-) *vt.* [L *extinguere*, *extinguere*, to quench, destroy < *ex-*, out + *stinguere*, to extinguish (for IE base see **STICK**) + *-ISH*] 1 to put out (a fire, etc.); quench; smother 2 to put an end to; destroy or cause to die out 3 to put in the shade; eclipse; obscure 4 Law a) to make void; nullify b) to settle (a debt) —*ex-tin'-guish-able* *adj.* —*ex-tin'-guish-ment* *n.*

ex-tin-guisher (-ər) *n.* a person or thing that extinguishes; esp., FIRE EXTINGUISHER

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